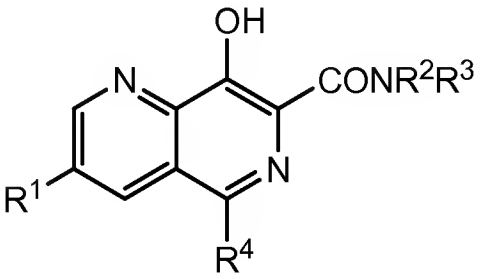
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula:

[Formula 1]



(I)

(wherein:

R^1 is ~~optionally substituted~~ aralkyl substituted with halogen;

R^2 is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

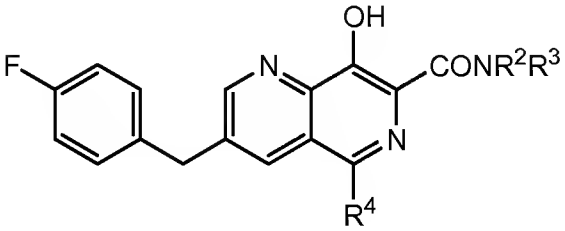
R^3 is optionally substituted alkyl (substituent: lower alkoxy, amino optionally substituted with lower alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, or lower alkoxycarbonyl) or optionally substituted amino ~~(provided that each substituent for "optionally substituted" is a noncyclic group)~~ (substituent: lower alkyl);

R^4 is ~~hydrogen,~~ optionally substituted carboxy (substituent: lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl, lower alkoxy lower alkyl, optionally substituted amino lower alkyl, or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group), optionally substituted formylamino (substituent: lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl, lower alkoxy lower alkyl, optionally substituted carbamoyl lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, optionally substituted amino, or optionally substituted carbamoyl), optionally substituted carbamoyl (substituent: lower alkyl, optionally substituted lower alkyl (substituent: hydroxy, lower alkoxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, carbamoyl), or optionally substituted heterocyclic group lower alkyl), ~~optionally substituted amino (provided that a substituent on amino in "optionally substituted formylamino", "optionally substituted carbamoyl" and "optionally substituted amino" may form an optionally substituted N-atom containing heterocyclic ring together with an adjacent N atom),~~ optionally substituted alkyl (substituent: hydroxy, halogen, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, optionally substituted lower alkoxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted carbamoyl, or optionally substituted carboxy), or optionally substituted alkenyl (substituent: hydroxy, halogen, an optionally substituted heterocyclic group, optionally substituted lower

alkoxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted carbamoyl, or optionally substituted carboxy)), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof (except for Compound (I-A) shown in Table 1 below)

[Table 1]

[Formula I-A]



(I-A)

Compound No.	R^2	R^3	R^4
20	H	CH2CH2OMe	H
27	H	Me	NHMs
28	H	CH2CH2OMe	NHMs
29	H	i-Pr	NHMs
85	Me	Me	H
86	H	NHMe	H
87	H	NMe2	H
88	H	OMe	H
89	H	H	H
90	H	Me	H
91	H	Et	H
92	H	i-Pr	H
126	H	CH2CH2NMe2	H
160	H	CH2CH2OMe	NHCOCH2OMe
161	H	CH2CH2OMe	NHCOCH2CH2CO2Et
162	H	CH2CH2OMe	NHCOCH2CO2Et
163	H	CH2CH2OMe	NHCOOEt
164	H	CH2CH2OMe	NHCOCH2CH2OMe
165	H	CH2CH2OMe	NHCO-thiophene
180	H	CH2CH2OMe	Ph-CH2OH
181	H	NMe2	Ph-CH2OH

(Me=methyl; i-Pr=isopropyl; Et=ethyl; Ms=methanesulfonyl; thiophene=thiophene; Ph=phenyl).

2. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is p-fluorobenzyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

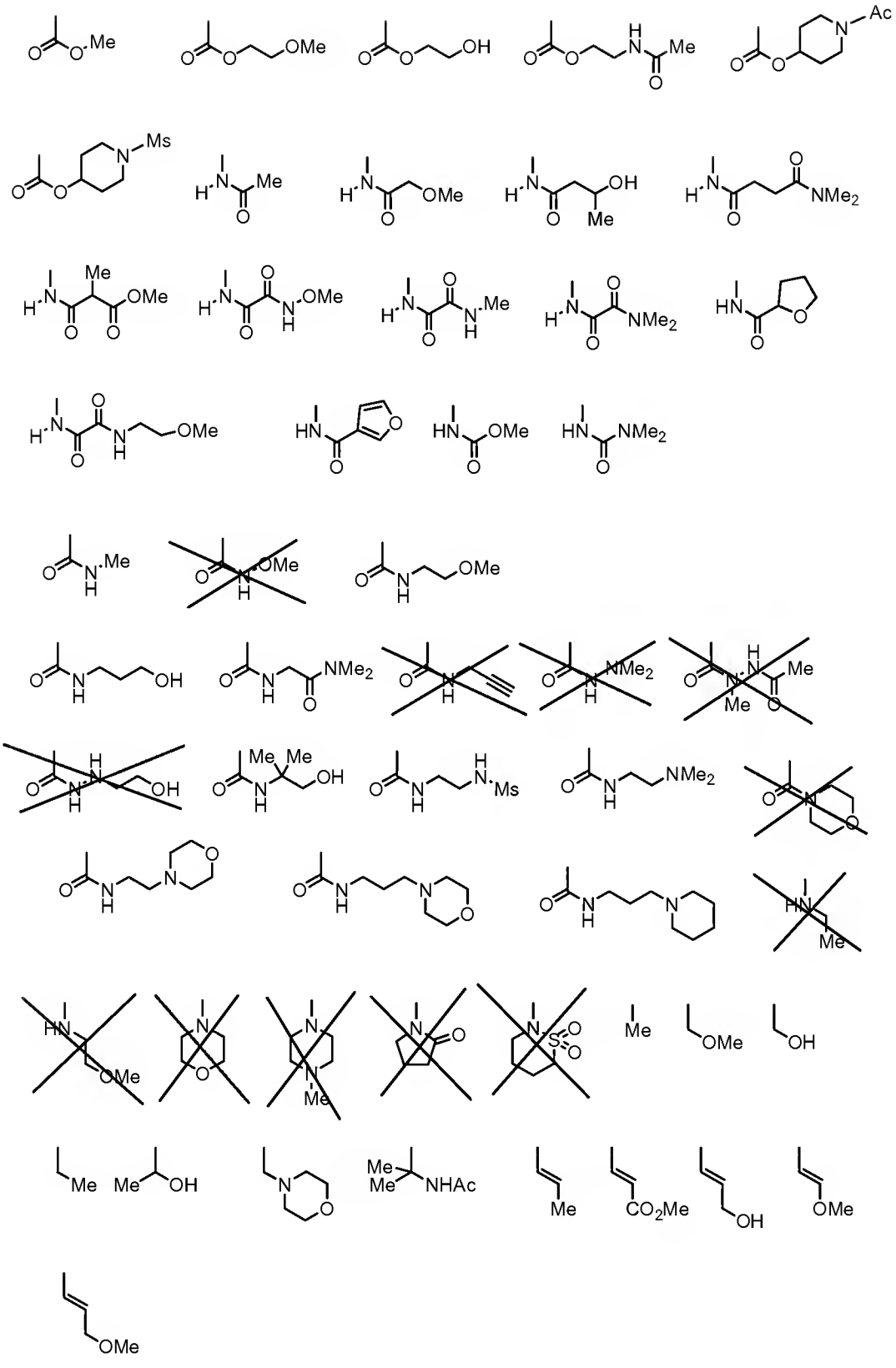
3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^2 is hydrogen; R^3 is $CH_2CH_2OCH_3$, CH_2CH_2OEt, $CH_2CH_2COOCH_3$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2O(i\text{-}Pr)$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CH_2CH_2CN, $CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH_2N(i\text{-}Pr)_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2N(Et)_2$, $CH(CH_3)CH_2OH$, $CH(CH_3)COOCH_3$ or $CH_2CH(OH)CH_2CH_3$, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^4 is a group shown below, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

[Formula 2]



(wherein, Me is methyl; Ac is acetyl; Ms is methanesulfonyl).

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 7, wherein R^1 is p-fluorobenzyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 7, wherein R^1 is p-fluorobenzyl; R^2 is hydrogen; R^3 is $CH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CH_2CH_2CN, $CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, or $CH_2CH(OH)CH_2CH_3$; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11-21. (Cancelled)